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SUBJ: PEKING BACKS IRAN

1. DURING HIS THREE- DAY VISIT TO IRAN FONMIN CHI PENG- PEI MADE THE STRONGEST EXPRESSION TO DATE OF PRC SUPPORT FOR IRAN' S FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICIES. IMPLICITLY BACKING IRAN' S DRIVE TO BECOME THE MAJOR POWER IN THE PERSIAN GULF, CHI DECLARED IN HIS JUN 14 DINNER SPEECH IN TEHRAN THAT IT WAS BOTH NECESSARY AND UNDER- STANDABLE THAT IRAN SHOULD TAKE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN HER DE- FENSES. CHI INDICATED THAT CHINA SEES IRAN' S MILITARY STRENGTH AS AN IMPORTANT OFFSET TO SOVIET EFFORTS TO USE BOTH INDIA AND IRAQ FOR POWER PLAYS AGAINST THE PRC AND ITS ALLY PAKISTAN. CHI FOR EXAMPLE, APPROVINGLY QUOTED THE SHAH' S REPUTED
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WARNING THAT THERE WERE THREATENING SITUATIONS " BOTH EAST AND WEST OF IRAN." WITHOUT MENTIONING INDIA HE PRAISED IRAN FOR ITS SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN.

2. CHI ALSO DENOUNCED THE " SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" OF " CERTAIN OUTSIDE FORCES," PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO IRAQI INVOLVEMENT IN THE BALUCHISTAN SECESSION MOVEMENT. SHORTLY BEFORE CHI' S ARRIVAL IN THERAN, NCNA IN A FRIENDLY REPORT ON THE CENTO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING CITED CENTO' S CONCERN WITH THE SOVIET- IRAQ TREATY (HONG KONG 5984). CONCURRENT WITH CHI' S VISIT, NCNA (JUNE 14) ALSO CARRIED A LONG ARTICLE ON IRAN DESCRIBING ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN THE COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE' DETERMINATION TO RESIST THE " NEW HEGEMONISTS".
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